

Jesus' Prayer for us

John 17:20-26

John 17:20

I am praying for all who put their faith and trust in me through their testimony and message.

Pray: make request.

Jesus is praying for us!

Barnes: *To that single prayer we who are Christians owe infinitely more real benefits than the world can ever bestow; and in the midst of any trials we may remember that the Son of God prayed for us, and that the prayer was assuredly heard, and will be answered in reference to all who truly believe.*

Who praying for?

Believe on me: put their faith and trust on Jesus. Acts 16:31 1 Jn 5:13

How people believe? Through word.

Word: logos—Expression... Something said...teaching.

All who have come to know Jesus Christ -- result of the effective witness of the disciples

John 17:21

That they all may be one. Cp 17:11 1 Cor. 12:13

as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us

Father always did works through Son

Jesus always pleased Father

Jesus wants same kind of unity in church.

...that they also may be one in us. Unity of believers founded on a union to God and Lord Jesus Christ.

Result of spiritual oneness? **that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.**

When God's people are getting along then the world becomes interested.

Barnes: *There are no ties so tender as those which bind us in the gospel. There is no friendship so pure and enduring as that which results from having the same attachment to the Lord Jesus. Hence, Christians, in the New Testament, are represented as being indissolubly united—parts of the same body, and members of the same family, Acts 4:32-35; 1 Cor. 12:4-31; Eph. 2:20-22; Rom. 12:5.*

Bible Knowledge Commentary Jesus was not praying for the unity of a single, worldwide, ecumenical church in which doctrinal heresy would be maintained along with orthodoxy. Instead, He was praying for a unity of love, a

unity of obedience to God and His Word, and a united commitment to His will. There are great differences between uniformity, union, and unity.

Rom 16:17

Mark them: Be on your guard concerning them; Take heed to; Take aim at;

Divisions: Disunion, dissension,

Offences: a trap-stick (bent sapling), snare; occasion to fall (of stumbling), offence, thing that offends, stumbling-block. Upsetting people's faith;

Contrary to the doctrine: In opposition, against teachings and principles

Which ye have learned: Which have been taught you.

And avoid them : Steer clear; deviate, shun, dodge, bypass,

Not ugly toward them

Rom 16:18

Serve own appetites and fleshly desires.

Sweet talkers

Lead people astray by nice and flattering speeches .

Beguile hearts of simple-minded. Cannot see the future consequences of present actions.

Careful who invite to speak.

Careful who fellowship with.

...and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.

Deceive the hearts. Seduce wholly,

Hearts: thoughts and feelings

Simple: innocent and unsuspecting. Void of discernment. Shallow. Empty headed and empty hearted.

How do it?

Good words: plausibility; smooth and plausible address which simulates goodness

Fair speeches: elegance of language

1 Cor. 5:11 ...with such an one no not to eat.

Don't associate with anyone who claims to be a Christian yet is involved in ...

Don't even eat with such people

2 Thess 3:14-15 ... note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.

2 Th 3:6 ...withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh ...

Note that man. Mark, note for oneself; take cautionary note of.

and have no company with him, Have nothing to do with him. Don't make this person your companion. Mix with him. No intimacy, familiarity, needless correspondence.

John Gill: *by the black mark of excommunication; lay him under censure, exclude him from your communion, put a brand upon him as a scabbed sheep, and separate him from the flock;*
and have no company with him; as little as can be in common and civil conversation, lest he should take encouragement from thence to continue in his sin, and lest others should think it is connived at; and much less at the Lord's table, or in a sacred and religious conversation, or in a way of church fellowship and communion:

that he may be ashamed; that he may have his eyes turned in him, as the word signifies, and he may be brought to a sight and sense of his sin, and be filled with shame for it, and loath it, and himself on the account of it, and truly repent of it, and forsake it;

Attitude: Be in heaven with this person...forever!

¹⁵ Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

Count him: Deem him, think of him, consider him

As an enemy: Someone to be hateful toward; ... adversary or foe.

If the man is a Christian he is not your enemy!

but admonish him as a brother. Warn him as you would a brother. Warn him by confrontational words.

Purpose: To restore, not necessarily to expose!

Approach in spirit of meekness Gal. 6:1.

It is possible:

To love and dissociate at same time.

To firmly confront and still leave the open door

Attitude: humility, meekness, brokenness, love

John 17:21

Because of this oneness of spirit

Bear burdens: Gal 6:2

Love Jn 15:12

Pursue after things that create peace and build up others Rom 14:19

Study one another ...Heb 10:24

Maintain unity of Spirit in bond of peace. Eph 4:3

Why? ...that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

That world impressed with way you treat one another and put their trust in Jesus
John 13:34

John 17:22

You gave me glory and I have given it to all believers.

Glory: honor of union with You, Father.

Same honor of union transferred to all believers

We are privileged!

When person becomes recipient of such honor he then appreciates the new brotherhood he has entered.

Humbled to be part of family of God.

John 17:23

Perfect: complete, accomplished, consummated.

That their union may be complete. That there may be no jars, discords, or contentions. A machine is perfect or complete when it has all its parts and is in good order when there is no portion of it wanting. ...

and that the world may know ...

As a result the world will come to know the power of the gospel.

Barnes: *All that is needful now, under the blessing of God, to convince the world" that God sent the Lord Jesus, is that very union among all Christians for which he prayed;" and when that union of feeling, and purpose, and action shall take place, the task of sending the gospel to all nations will be soon accomplished, and the morning of the millennial glory will dawn upon the world.*

Jesus' last testament and will.

John 17:24

My desire--believers come to heaven and be with me.

Spectator of my glory

Experience/enter into my glory Heb 2:10

You loved me before the foundation of the world.

Pre-existent state of Jesus.

John 17:25

Known: personal relationship

John 17:26

Declared: made known, certified,

Thy name: authority, reputation,

...that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, experience love you manifested to me.

... and I in them. Experience my personal presence in their lives.

Review:

I. Jesus' Prayer for Himself (vv 1-5)

Glory--Do you see that the glory of God is attached closely to eternal life?

Eternal life—to know the only true God and Jesus Christ....Personal relationship with God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Do you want to bring glory to God?

Be involved in bringing people to eternal life through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

II. Jesus' Prayer for His Apostles (vv 6-19)

Jesus' desire for us:

Obedience--Obey the Word

Fellowship--Unity--One spirit with other believers

Joy—to the max...crammed full

Separated—in world but not of world.

Sanctified—through word

Sent—Into the world

III. Jesus' Prayer for the church (20-26)

Fellowship—that they also may be one in us

Evangelism—that the world may believe that thou has sent me

Young preacher says, I'll tell you what we need.... More soul-winning!
More out reach. Older preacher says, "Why?" Young preacher--reach more people. More souls...growth.

Old Preacher—no, your church shouldn't have an outreach program.

What? Why?

What are you going to bring them to?

What mean?

I watched the visitors as they came....

I watched your people...they really don't get along.